

**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange (the Board) met on February 14, 2012 to consider awarding the Contract for Phase 1A of the "Support Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to Implement the Affordable Care Act" Request for Proposal (the Contract) to Noridian Administrative Services, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Board resolved to award the Contract to Noridian Administrative Services, LLC, subject to approval of the award by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and resolution of any bid protests that may be filed; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director received correspondence from an unsuccessful offeror on February 21, 2012, requesting that the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange (the Exchange) investigate whether the proposed award complies with the Affordable Care Act and Maryland law; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has investigated the matters identified in the letter of February 21, 2012, and has concluded that the proposed award complies with the applicable federal and State law; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services approved the award on February 29, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the best interests of the Exchange and the citizens of Maryland for the award of this Contract to proceed without further delay so as to permit the Exchange to meet specified deadlines established by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the Procurement Policies and Procedures, the Board Chair and the Executive Director may award this Contract to Noridian Administrative Services, LLC.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was adopted on this 29th day of February, 2012, by the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Pearce", written in a cursive style.

Rebecca Pearce, Executive Director